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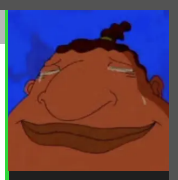

miles
@miles
he/him
31 years old

ok, so, big day. i've been at work all day with my phone blowing up but i just got home so now i can make a post about this UHC situation.

to be clear, this isn't the "Homestuck Official Response" or whatever, but there's stuff i clearly want to address now, because this story has taken on a life of its own and i'd like to keep things considerate and maybe give my own side of the story here before any "Homestuck Official Response" happens.

if this is something you have strong opinions on (which i completely understand), i'd really encourage you to give this a read with an open mind.

a few early tl;drs but i'm getting into all of this in more detail below, so... this post is a highly suggested read if you'd like to begin to hear a different side of this story:

A: no, the UHC is not gone forever, there is a fork up right now. the Homestuck site itself is still being worked on and improved and andrew has no intentions of turning Homestuck into "lost media", that's not going to happen. Homestuck is not going away or in any danger of disappearing, i promise.
Aa: here is the fork: https://homestuck.github.io/
B: no, FRAF and the HICU are not andrews evil goons commanded by a shadowy puppet-master.
C: i've already begun getting threats over this, and also seen all kinds of accusations slung at me, the HICU, FRAF, even james, so i'd like people to hear me out here and not attack people over this. gio, to his credit, has also emphasized this, which i appreciate, and i'll also emphasize that i do NOT want people harassing gio over this. i have no interest in starting a flame war.
D: a more organized and "receipt"-y account of this whole thing from Homestuck's perspective may be coming in the coming days, though certainly not tonight. i am not just talking out my ass, here, but i also didn't exactly have presumably months to spend perfecting a gigantic article that positions me as the epic folk hero and the other parties as the nefarious pawns of a shadow cabal, so sit tight for some other stuff. i don't really know that i am going to have much (or any?) part in writing that if it happens, besides offering any screenshots of my own.
E: i'm of the opinion that gio's article was pretty transparently not written out of a benevolent desire to protect homestuck fans' access to the comic.
F: i anticipate that this post is gonna be treated as something to refute, but it's a Post. this is not like, My Counter-Article, like i said i'm not the guy writing one. i'm getting my perspective out because i think everyone has a right to hear it.

okay, let me get into it. some context.

the thing i need to start this off with is as follows: 2 years ago, before HS:BC was even coming out (and, i'll note, WELL before i was ever a co-director) andrew asked me if i'd be comfortable acting as a liaison/go-between between him and bambosh+gio regarding offering a license to the Unofficial Homestuck Collection and bringing it into the fold, allowing them to monetize and publish a bunch of behind the scenes goodies like more book notes, other future collabs, and sneak peaks etc. it would have been a cool one-stop shop for homestuck shit, and i was new to the HS:BC team and incredibly eager to get involved in not just writing HS:BC but anything else. the reason andrew asked me to be a liaison is because, as i'm sure is pretty obvious to anyone by now, there was no love lost between andrew and gio over the previous round of homestuck PR clusterfuckery that happened 4-5ish years ago, and andrew thought this all might go over better if i was between andrew and gio to like, make nice, try to offer the olive branch in a less intimidating way, etc. maybe also because shit like this "exposé" has a tendency to keep happening when gio is around, which is a riddle i'd invite us all to contemplate.

i wanna pause and emphasize something here, because it's one of the most important things i want to get across. i was acting as a Liaison for andrew, as a MESSENGER, FOR andrew, not as like, a Lawyer or and Advisor or a "coconspirator" or the guy who authored the decisions that actually got made here. i did not and do not tell andrew what to do about anything, certainly not about how to handle the Homestuck IP or any moves he wants to make legally. i gave some advice on how to communicate and actually Did The Communicating, but during all of this i wasn't even the director on HS:BC, i was literally just a writer who thought he was stepping into a short, sweet process to get a cool collaboration going between the UHC and Homestuck as an IP.

i was also NOT acting as a representative of ANY aims of the HICU. you can ask literally anyone on the team if this was on our docket, the answer is no. again, i was acting as a liaison for andrew to try and keep communications more productive so that we could start expanding the Homestuck<—>Fan network and do cool shit. i'm hardly an accredited PR guy, but for what it's worth, i tried.

i obviously mentioned the HICU to gio and bambosh, and it was still taking form as an entity back then so i was super loose with the term and the role it actually played in the issue of the UHC (which is to say, Literally None.) in a way that in retrospect i Obviously Should Not Have Been. that said, i need to make this abundantly clear, now, because the team and i are already starting to get threats over this: the HICU is not "secretly controlled by andrew" (nor is the patreon money split with Andrew, by the way.). we hold a license for Homestuck, his property, and obviously consult with him on merch, 4/13 events and the like that we participate in, but he doesn't control the team, and he certainly doesn't control HS:BC. the same needs to be said now for FRAF as well; cami and others have already gone into this and i expect this conversation is going to continue to play out for a while, but FRAF is not "controlled by andrew" either. like the HICU, FRAF holds a license with andrew to work with and monetize Homestuck fanworks, because at the end of the day, Homestuck is andrew's story.

the number of people who actively talk to andrew between FRAF and the HICU can probably be counted on one hand, and of those people, the number of those who have had more individual conversations with andrew than you can count on one hand is even less.

all this is to say, no, the HS:BC team/HICU are not all "andrew's goons", no, the FRAF team are not andrew's goons, and no, the HICU and FRAF themselves, as projects, are not andrew's. neither am i. we are licensees with homestuck to get legal permission to do what we do, and earn the right to be compensated for that license (for which i'm extremely grateful, by the way) but i am not a Homestuck Inc./What Pumpkin Employee, and neither are they. any work any of us do for Homestuck or about Homestuck we do because we love it and the fandom, and the role that i played in this UHC scenario was because i thought i was going to be stepping in to mediate a quick situation that would help reconcile gio and andrew and give something cool to the fans at the same time, not because i was trying to, what, get involved in a messy situation for no reason other than to hurt people and punish the fans? why would i do that? or, for that matter, why would andrew?

anyway, i've WAY over-emphasized this point, but it just matters to me, A: because i don't want the HICU *or* the FRAF team to be getting this kind of smear campaign slung at them while they're trying to do something cool and B: because for trying to help mediate a sticky situation, i've been lambasted as a manipulative detriment to the fandom to probably tens of thousands of people???

MOVING ON.

basically, i spent like a solid year on and off as a go-between, trying to mediate between andrew and gio+bambosh (bambosh, notably, seemed really excited to work with us initially until talks deteriorated), from like september 2023 until i think like december 2024 or january of this year or whatever the hell. you can go read the precise dates in gio's article, i'm positive they're somewhere in there. after a certain point, it became clear to andrew and to me that my role as a liaison, messenger, whatever was just not working out and i haven't touched this shit since.

obviously, That Year Of Trying Did Not Work Out, Lol.

actually, for what its worth, i want to emphasize here that i have no grievance whatsoever with bambosh, at all, and for whatever stress i contributed to their life during this saga i am sincerely, actually sorry. they were legit a pleasure to talk to and i was really, really looking forward to seeing what they'd be able to cook up with Homestuck's backing and resources. i hope you're well, bambosh.

anyway. this is my personal read on the situation (as Miles, The Guy Who Was Actually Here For All This), and i want to try not to sling personal accusations as much as i can despite being dragged through the mud along with my entire team, but my observation throughout this whole process was Not that gio was standing up as a stalwart defender of the rights of the fans to access homestuck, because andrew Wanted to work with him, and bambosh Wanted to work with us, and andrew doesn't "hate homestuck and want it to go away" (the whole reason i'm allowed to make HS:BC with the HICU is because andrew wants the fandom to keep thriving!). gio was Not trying everything he could to make this work, because by his own admission in the article he refused to sign a license to continue to publish the Entirety Of A Body Of Work That Didn't Belong To Him, and i also strongly suspect did everything in his power to dissuade bambosh from licensing when it was bambosh andrew was doing the initial negotiating with, Precisely Because We Were Worried About Situations Like This. at the time i actually thought that was TOO paranoid, believe it or not, but holy shit was i wrong about that, lol.

what it felt to me that gio was doing was stalling any progress andrew tried to make with the UHC because licensing it meant he wouldn't get to control access to andrews work, or have the, i don't know, "clout" (???) of managing it without any oversight, and almost certainly because working with andrew would have meant he couldn't just go around talking shit on andrew and Homestuck as a company anymore whenever he pleased (and, clearly, he pleases). also i guess because he was asked to help recontextualize events that transpired during a saga of misery that resulted in multiple members of the old team being bullied off the internet and the complete halt of Homestuck Anything for like three years.

i am trying not to be uncharitable here but like, really look at the article. it is super inflammatory. there are legitimate critiques to be made about the way Homestuck as a business has handled things in the past, and even some ways i would obviously have suggested this situation be handled differently MYSELF if given another go at it, but this is not a measured critique, this is shouting "FIRE!!!!!!!" in a crowded theater, presented as an attempt to save the fans from a Datapocalypse that isn't even going to happen. this isn't the action of someone who "loves homestuck and wants to protect it" because it accomplishes literally nothing but making everyone who actually likes homestuck fucking miserable. who does that help?

this is conjectural and speculative, but frankly after an entire article painting me as a manipulative liar who hates every homestuck fan after i spent a year trying to mediate a delicate situation so that gio could work WITH HOMESTUCK, when i and my team have lost sleep and poured our whole hearts into trying to make the fandom a cool place to be for all the incredible people who love this comic for two years, i think i'm allowed my own take, and that's this:

this article isn't about you, the reader, as a fan and your threatened right to have continuous access to Homestuck, because that's not in danger. i promise. i have worked on HS:BC for two awesome years now and i have never felt in danger of Homestuck Disappearing, and i wouldn't BE working on HS:BC if i felt there was some attempt to destroy Homestuck (because, again, why??? would i do that???). this isn't about copyright law or protecting fan projects, because fan projects are being actively endorsed by andrew and Homestuck/WP and allowed to monetize, thrive, etc. this is about gio. andrew asked to bring gio on to work With Homestuck under a license, and gio refused. i delivered andrew's messages and was the face of this series of exchanges, and gio spent an entire article painting me as both a villain and a victim in front of thousands of people. the HICU and FRAF and andrew have all been trying in their own ways to make homestuck fans happy with comics, merch, fanworks, and more, and it's been working, so gio decided to shit on that parade because he screwed himself out of being a part of it.

this has all turned out to be a headache more enormous than i could possibly have imagined, and if i played any part at all in bungling this or making it worse by not being a good enough communicator or a bad liaison then i sincerely apologize for that. i'm here first and foremost to try and make homestuck fun for everyone, and today was obviously the opposite of fun. that said, i also am not gonna just sit here and let a bunch of innocent members of multiple teams, andrew, and myself get thrown under the bus by staying quiet while people take potshots at us.

i anticipate there will probably be some kind of official counter-argument or whatever from Homestuck (not the HICU, not FRAF) in the coming days with more Capital D Documentation, so if you're looking for a more Annotated Account, that's probably where you're gonna get it, not here. i don't think i'm gonna stick around answering questions in this thread or anything, either, i'd just like people to think on what i have to say, and to reiterate one last time that i'd like everybody to treat all the team members of various teams with grace, because they are literally Not Involved With This.

and also, once more for the record, i do not want people harassing gio over this. i'm zero percent interested in trying to start a flame war.

jesus christ that was long. sorry if i got at all personal, here, and for everyone who stuck around to read the whole thing, i am sincerely grateful.

... as the ancient hawaiians used to say.

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As the person who read this in its entirety first, I'm interested to see what comes of this all.

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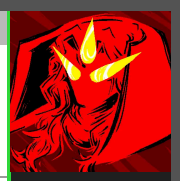

euchreYiik
@euchreyiik
Any/All
18 years old

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Thank you, Miles. I hope you and all various Homestuck teams are able to get some rest and peace, and that you're able to move forward and keep doing great things.

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Blueberry Lunascratch
@lyrichartwell
she/they
28 years old

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goated response ive nothing more to add. hope this all goes smoothly

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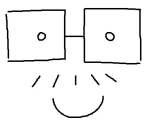

Calvin
@calvin
they/them
20 years old

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fuck gio lol

Weakness
@weakness
weakness
84 years old

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i really appreciate this perspective on the whole matter. im sorry you got thrown into the crosshairs of this miles, you seem like a good guy and mean well. you didnt deserve this treatment.

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Ace L.
@acelad
they/he/all
25 years old

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oh lord in heaven above this is going to be a shitshow.

feferi peixes
@peixesfeferi
she/her
23 years old

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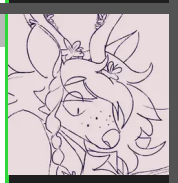
hey, i hope you, james, andrew, kate, and every other name named in that article is doing okay. it can't be great to have this shit dredged up for petty drama, especially with how volatile the worst of the fandom can be. stay safe, and take care of yourself. nobody deserves death threats.

-stardustApotheosis



laika stardust
@laika
she.they.it
24 years old

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miles, please stay safe. i love your work and it sucks to see your name get dragged through the mud like this.

Everybody needs to hear someone say "Nobody else will do. It has to be you", even if it's just once in their lives. As long as you can feel sure those words were sincere, you can live through anything, no matter how painful.

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alary
@lonelyghosts
he-fae-fox-they-sp…
24 years old

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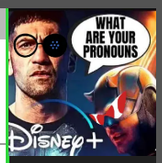

this sucks so bad, im really sorry miles :(im looking forward to seeing what HSbc AND HICU AND FRAF continue to put out!! fuck gio fr

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sword
@alexis
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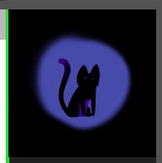

I am pretty glad that I read this first. Based on what I skimmed and heard from Gio's article, his tone seemed very dissuading. I am glad you have tried to handle this very odd and frantic situation in a calm and mature way.

Not trying to be patronising or anything, it's just very refreshing when people on the internet are sane. I wish you well in the future, along with the HICU members and anyone else involved.
And also maybe Hussie? I assume she isn't in the best spot all the time, and I wish the current Homestuck team some well deserved peace and quiet.

The gloobiness... It never stops...

celestialAbyss
@celestialabyss
They/Them
19 years old

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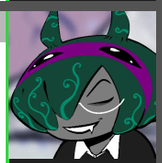

i'm glad to see at least *a* response to this today, even if not an official one. i'm still reserving my judgment, but it's good to have more sides to this story.

we must rejoice in this morbid voice

Zennec Fox
@siddharthasdungeon
she/her
25 years old

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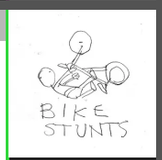

It's very easy to present Gio as an obstructive force who was responsible for all the protracted delays around the UHC/HICU collaboration when you completely obviate his claims that a variety of legal pressures were placed upon him as a precondition for the collaboration to go ahead. I understand not wanting to address the legal aspects in detail in what amounts to an unofficial reply, but until this can be done, any response is going to inherently deeply distort the claimed narrative, because the thrust of Gio's allegations wasn't that he was being impeded by HICU or HICU-adjacent people in some sort of holy mission of preserving Homestuck before it explodes, but rather that it was a veil for the carrying out of said legal practices.

Unless these claims can be proven or disproven, this is just reframing the discussion in a potentially misleading direction.

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Niklink
@niklink
im/him
30 years old

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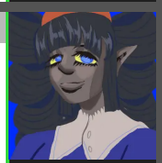

I read this whole thing, I appreciate your perspective I fear a lot of people aren't actually on FRAF and thus they aren't actually seeing the people Gio slandered refute his claims lol. It is wild seeing people on the subreddit for Homestuck just believe that the whole HICU thing is a "fake union controlled by Hussie" or whatever. Idk what has gotten into people but some folks are acting like Hussie actually has Vriska level mind control and that he can just make people say and do whatever.

He's just a person who made a webcomic for christ sakes he is not actually this all powerful being that has a lot of influence and money and power. This whole thing has spiraled because of a bad game of telephone.

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elegantSpinstress
@elegantspinstress
Any/All
24 years old

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wait you guys aren't part of an evil shadowy kabal LAME

This guys a chad, a legend, and a fucking goat...

April
@eccentricdruid
she/her
23 years old

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couldn't have said any of this better myself, which is why i didn't lmao. you rule miles

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Austinado
@austinado
he/they
28 years old

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am curious how much of those claims will be shown to be true or false, im eager to see an official response, my regards to the team for the effects of all of this

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@remedyhearts
deleted
30 years old

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I'm glad that even if unofficial, a response has been made. Thank you Miles.

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PeachyK33n
@cottoncandyblu
Pro/Nouns
23 years old

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I'm confused on what "license" is referring to here. Does that refer to the software license of the unofficial collection app (i.e. the software on the github repo which is currently under GPLv3), or is it referring to something else?

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Nova
@tolueneturing
any/chec bio pls

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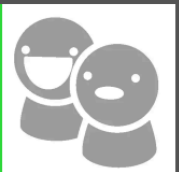
all of my love to all the people over the years who have been victized by gio. i hope one day the tides will turn and justice will be served



Vurr n' Co
@vurrsys
It/They
26 years old

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I do worry that people have gotten too attached to their "Side" before hearing the other out. I'm glad you guys are taking this seriously and are acknowledging this.

atomicTwilight
@atomictwilight
she/her
20 years old

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